### OVER FIVE HUNDRED DEAD **INDIANA**

### **WILSO**N SEEKS PLAN TO AVERT DISASTER

President and Secretaries Lane and Garrison Want Scheme for River Control.

President Wilson, Secretary of the In terior Lane, and Secretary of War Garrison today discussed plans looking toward a system of national river control to avert in the future such disasters as have occurred and are yet impending in Ohio, Indiana, and other States in the Ohlo and Mississippi val-

The calamity that has overtaker thousands may prove the giant lever needed to put in motion a Federal scheme for river control. President Wilson and Secretary of the Interior Lane are impressed with the absolute need of a plan for the conservation of life and property. Any engineering work which will accomplish this end will, as a secondary matter, tend to open the Ohio, the Mississippi, and their

President May Send Message.

It is not improbable that the President will deal with this subject in a special message to Congress. The Democratic party, as a whole, is committed, by its platform, to a scheme of river

Secretary of War Garrison said, on leaving the conference, that everything possible was being done by his Department in sending supplies of every description to the stricken areas.

When asked about the financial burdens necessarily assumed in providing supplies the Secretary said:

"We are trusting to Congress."
Congress is expected to make whatever deficiency appropriations are required to cover the unexpected expense.

Cut Jut Red Tape.

Red tape has been stripped from War Department methods in meeting the flood situation. The Secretary and the President demand results. They are

President demand results. They are getting them by using every short cut possible.

Before conferring with the President, Secretary of the Interior Lane outlined his general ideas on the subject of flood control, although he said that he could not speak in detail because he was unfamiliar with the exact situation.

"The problem is not specially to make these streams navigable; it is rather a problem of conserving property and life. The neck of the bottle must be made large enough to let the flood through. The neck of the bottle must be made large enough to let the flood through.
"It is to be hoped that the losses have been greatly exaggerated. But, at any rate, the loss is so tremendous that the situation demands national attention and is of such character that only national effort can cope with it," said Secretary Lane, at the executive offices today.

Not Purely Intrastate.

"These streams act as giant sewers.
It is necessary to deepen or straighten channels, build levees and possibly go into the problem of forestration to deal

"The first step will be to lay out a general program which, when comple-ted, will solve the question. After this program is laid out, each improvement should be made as a part of the larger scheme. To improve rivers by Conaccomplish nothing. It is a national problem. The co-operation of States and the Federal Government is neces-sary. In such a matter I would antici-pate little conflict between the two au-

Except on the lower Mississippi, the Except on the lower Mississippi, the river problem has always been attacked chiefly as a commercial problem. The severe loss of property and life along the lower Mississippi has caused the people of that section to demand national action with a view to conserving life and valuables. This feature of rivers control promises, as a result of the er control promises, as a result of the Ohio and Indiana floods, to become the predominant element in the river

problem. a time at least the commercial of deep, straight channels will be made secondary. Unless forestration will reduce the amount of water flowing will reduce the amount of water flowing into rivers, and in this way diminish freshet, only deep, straight channels the tremendous onslaught of a spring and high, strong levees will prevent the water from flooding towns and farms. If the conservation plan is put through commerce will undoubtedly be benefited.

The Democratic platform contained. to the attention of President Wilson. With the horrible scenes of the inun-dated towns of Ohio and Indiana be-fore their ideas this pledge may become

a living promise to the party in power.

The great loss of the people of Ohio
and Indiana may, in this way, evolve
a future benefit greater than they could

prevention will come, in part, under of the rivers in the Ohio basin. These the authority of his department, but

### Spurn Fortunes Offered for Rescue

DAYTON, March 27 .- Five thousand flood sufferers, shut off without food. region, as well as other districts, heat, or drinking water, in buildings in against floods of ordinary sorts, which the business section of the town, saw may be expected at frequent intervals.

what they thought was a chance of Mr. Leighton figures on a property loss what they thought was a chance of rescue anatched from them last night. Fred Patterson and Nelson Taibott, expert carsmen, reached Main and Third streets, the city's principal corner, in a boat, where they saw dwellings drifting down the street between the office buildings. Cries for help from the buildings. Cries for help from the buildings had to go unheeded. The two men almost lost their own lives. They were offered fortunes to bear victims to safety, but their small craft could hold no more.

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Mr. Leighton figures on a property loss in the present floods that may reach a querter billion or more.

If see it estimated that the railroad loss in the figure is correct. But if it is, that means the whole property loss is about ten times that sum. Our data on flood losses shows that the railroad loss is, as a rule, about 10 per cent of the total property loss."

As showing the effect of the deluge

**Red Cross Leader in Flood Districts** 



ERNEST P. BICKNELL.

## SEES NO WAY TO

"The Miami river is not purely an intrastate river. Each small river is a part of a larger river, and the larger river a part of the great steam which finally carles the flood to the ocean.

Discrete in West Could Not Have Been Averted Disaster in West Could Not Have Been Averted

been prevented by any human agency, according to M. O. Leigh'on, chief hydrographer of the United States Geological Survey, and one of the most eminent authorities of the country on everything appertaining to the nation's

water resources. Appaling as has been the catastrophe in the Ohio-Indiana region, it is not less appalling to contemplate that there is no adequate remedy against the recurrence of such catastrophes in the future. who is amply qualified to speak, that this is the case.

"No work that could have been built by the hand of man could have prevented it." said Mr. Leighton this morning. "It is one of those things that no human agency could withstand. Old Noah himself could not have dealt with a situation like this. It could not have been overcome any more than the San Franmoved over the States of Ohio and In-diana and turned loose a great sprink-The water falls exceeded all

Can Only Repair Damage. Such deluges as this, Mr. Leighton in the ground, and the stripping of the

says, come once in 100 or 200 years. forests from the country, the trees for-Secretary of the Interior Lane has several years ago, he worked out a merly operating to hold back flood comprehensive plan for a system of storage reservoirs at the headwaters absorption into the soil. ecause he has intimate knowledge were designed to control floods. They were designed to control floods. They were designed to control floods. They have received much attention from each lave received much attentio

inconvenience and cost of maintaining it for the next hundred years or so while waiting for this thing to happen

Compares With Potomac Basin.

At the same time, Mr. Leighton believes much good could be accomplished by such a storage reservoir system as would tend to protect the Ohio valley

pointed out that the Potomac basin, above Washington, is five times as large as the Miami basin above Dayton. Yet the Potomac has a capacity of carrying without overflow ten times as much water as the Miami. What would overflow the country there, would not cause a flood in a more would not cause a flood in a more muniaction with as futile result. Then relief of the flood victims. The fund was mountainous region, such as the basin lastly they have besought Union States. rying without overflow ten times as much water as the Miami. What would overflow the country there, would not cause a flood in a more mountainous region, such as the basin

of the Peternac above Washington. Floods Are Growing Worse. One of the interesting questions in

connection with the Ohio flood is whether the lower Mississippi region will again Yet it is the judgment of Mr. Leighton, be flooded. Mr. Leighton said there would doubtless be high water in the lower Mississippi, but disastrous floods Great Loss of Life would not necessarily follow. He ex-plained that last year high water throughout most of the Mississippi valy was sent pouring through the lower That caused the Mississippi at once. disastrous overflow. It may be possible for the rainfall in the comparatively small area of Ohlo and Indiana to be The Democratic platform contained a plank which promised the support of lever been contemplated in that region the party to a national scheme of river could have afforded protection against to the attention of Prosident Will. It was as if some vast power had in the streams that forms the streams that the streams that an inch of rainfail now causes higher water to the attention of Prosident Will. carried off with comparative eas It was as if some vast power had in the streams than formerly. For this even over the States of Ohio and Intere ar eseveral reasons, such as the marrowing of the streams by the encroachment of cities and towns on them the heavy drainage of water from cities and cultivated areas, water that for-

merly to a large extent was absorbed

because he has intimate knowledge of what great and sudden dissators of what great and sudden dissators remains. He was in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake, and was one of the committee of fifty which practically placed the town under martial law.

It is because of his experience there that he believes the losses in Ohio and Indiana may be greatly exaggerated.

"The estimates of loss of life in San Francisco ran into the thousands but we could never account for a loss of life much in excess of 750," said Secretary of War Leighton, such that district have admined the plans with respect to a situation like this, but to repair the step to be taken at the executive offices in connection with the flood, the President Wilson came to his office late this morning. There was no further step to be taken at the executive offices in connection with the flood, the President having directed the Secretary of War to use every possible agency to alleviate suffering in the stricken districts.

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House at Peru: Many Dead at Logansport

PERU, Ind., March 27.-The loss of ife here is still unknown, with more down the stream. Twelve bodies were found in one house. One report stated that twenty bodies had floated as far as Logansport, and were taken from under the interurban bridge there.

Reports from Logansport were that many lives had been lost in that city.

Several hundred inhabitants had fled to the hills, and thousands of others were crowded in school houses and churches. The identified dead at Peru are: MRS, ROSE WHITTLE.

MRS. OPIE SMITH. Two bables were born in the county

Cross Since Tuesday, and Fate Is in Doubt.

Grave fears are entertained today for the safety of Director Ernest P. Bick-

ters from him since Tuesday night, allast night indicated that he had left

Press association wires and others open as far as Lebanon are crowded with inquiries as to his whereabouts. That he started out to direct the efforts of Red Cross workers around Dayton seems certain. Because of his prolonged silence, however, there is a strong fear that he may have met the fate of the hundreds in the devastated section.

# TRAIN FROM WEST

Came From Chicago by Way of Cleveland and Was Several Hours Behind Time.

One Pennsylvania train arrived in Washington from Chicago today. It was No. 321, due in at 10:25, and arrived a little after 1 p. m. This train came by way of Cleveland, and its passen gers were almost ill with tales of hor ror and suffering heard en route. This was the only train which ar rived today from Chicago via Ohio, according to statements at Union Station. Train service to the South, in spite of

was uninterrupted.
It will be many days before train PREVENT FLOODS

It will be many days before train service in Ohio and Indiana becomes normal, even for through trains, while local service is simply wiped out. Long stretches of track have been washed away and bridges destroyed so that it will require weeks to get service restablished in parts of those States. Were service west of Pittsburgh does not exist. The wires and poles are all down, according to statements by the Western Union today. Officials cannot hazard a guess as to how long it will take to restore the service. In an indirect way commercial service with the

by Any Human Agency.

By John Snure.

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The tremendous disaster to human life and property in Ohlo and Indiana could not have been prevented by any human of have been prevented by any human of the same three trees. The tremendous disaster to human life clouds on the Ohlo region. Mr. Leighton pointed out that the Potomac basin, above Washington in the same trees and even more earnestly asking if

muniaction with as futile result. Then lastly they have besought Union Station to tell them of trains which they can take to the West.

Little comfort and relief has been vouchsafed them at railroad headquarters, for while they can be sent as far as Pittsburgh, getting much farther has been hopcless.

Reported at Peru;

PERI'. Ind. (Via Telephone to South Bend), March 27.—Added details of the disastrous flood which visited Peru, drowning scores of its inhabitants and rendering homeless more than thirds of its population, were obtained late when rescuers succeeded in properl-ing boats through the inundated streets. The facts established were Number of persons drowned estimated from fifty up to as high as 150, it being impossible to learn exactly, because many bodies are hidden in houses stall wholly submerged.

Number of persons homeless, 7,50, Two hundred and twenty-five injured or sick survivors rescued and removed a temporary hospital at Plymouth Most of the 10,000 people of Peru

are huddled in the upper stories of the business blocks near the court house, which is the center of the re-

It is not known whether he crossed the river, which has increased in width from 400 yards to four miles. Alexander Clevenger carried his wife and three children on his back through water walst deep to the Miami county court house. Then he obtained a rowbost and rescued a neighbor and her infant. On the way to the court house the boat was crushed by a telephone pole. The woman gripped some wires and kept woman gripped some wires and kept affoat until Clevenger reached he afloat until Clevenger reached her. The child was lost.

A boat, which was carrying a man from his inundated house to safety, sprung a leak and he took refuse in the ledge of a building where he remained for nine hours before relief

The property damaged in Pern will total \$3,000,000. The five bridges, which were torn out cost half that sum. The Broadway bridge went down when a large house lodged against it and in turn carried away the Union Traction structure.

# **WEATHER BUREAU**

No Word From Director of Red Precipitation in Flood-Swept Region Over for Few Days. Say Officials Here.

Lack of information from the flood districts has seriously hampered the nell, of the National American Red work of the Weather Pureau as far as it applies to Ohio, Indiana, and the Mis-No direct word has come to headquar-ters from him since Tuesday night, al-though messages to a press association ast night indicated that he had left

inst night indicated that he had left Chicago. Nothing further has reached here. He was delayed by floods on his way to Chicago, from which city he planned to go to Omaha.

Inasmuch as messages are getting through Dayton, the headquarters here are especially worried today. Frantic efforts are being made to get into touch with him.

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Situation Bad.

Officials of the Weather Bureau today, while not disposed to put a bad face on conditions in the flood disrace on conditions in the flood dis-tricts, admitted that the situation there could not be much worse. "Cold weather and snow has followed the flood in the Lake district and practi-cally the entire flood district will be in the grip of a snow storm short-ly if it has not already arrived. We are expecting colder weather here by tomorrow and the temperature will probably go down to freezing."

This statement was given out by one will probably go down to freezing."

This statement was given out by one of the officials of the bureau. It was explained that in spite of bad conditions, the worst is probably yet to come. One meager dispatch, the only word received from the flood section by the Weather Bureau up to noon today, stated that the Ohio river stage was 57.2 feet at Cincinnati and still rising. Farther down the river, Louisville reported 32.5 feet, a rise of 11 feet in 24 hours and still rising. On the Mississippl river, Memphis is reported 32.5 feet and Vicksburg 37, both slightly higher than yesterday.

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Attention is called to the fact that the great flood of January passed Memphis only a few weeks ago and the levees may be weakened so that they will not be able to stand the strain put upon them by the high water. The situation for the lower Mississippi valley and all the country below Cincinnati is admittedly grave, Weather Bureau officials say. the windstorms which prevailed there,

over, according to Weather Bureau of-ficials, and the only danger is now from ficials, and the only danger is now from the swollen rivers and small streams all through the flood districts. The it great damage sustained by the heavy rain will be aggravated by the flood of water farther back, which will gradually swell the flood for several days. "The freezing weather, which has been scheduled to follow the flood," an official said today, "although it may prevent further damage from water, will greatly aggravate the suffering of the homeless."

Fund for Relief of

captains.

The subscriptions are purely voluntary. Major Sylvester said that he believed the members of the department would like an opportunity to aid the sufferers, and that by starting a fund of their own the men could give whatever amount they felt they could afford.

Many Are Homeless

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Could afford.

An effort will be made to have the money all in within the next few days so that it can be turned over to the Red Cross or other proper authorities to be used in the purchase of food or in a way that will best relieve the victims. lieve the victims. As soon as it became known that a fund was being raised in the department a generous response was made, and it is expected several hundred

# HEAD AND FACE

dollars will be collected

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was droadful. My face was a fright. It would crack open and bleed at night. I lost nearly all of my hair. I could not bear to put my hands in water. I tried all remedies that could be mentioned and received no relief. After using Cutterma Soap and Ointment a week I could wash, scrub and do any kind of work without any pain or bleeding. Now my face, hands and head are perfectly well and my hair is growing very nicely. Cuticurs Soan and Otal. ment cured me." (Signed) Miss Anna Moses, Apr. 15, 1912.

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